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SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY
PHU PHAN AREA, THAILAND
1645N 10421E

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD L-2625)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS AN AREA CONTAINING TWO
SUSPECT INSURGENT CAMPS AND A SUSPECT INSURGENT
COMMUNICATIONS SITE.

2. LOCATION:

THIS SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY IS LOCATED IN THE
PHU PHAN AREA OF NORTHEAST THAILAND.

3. COLLATERAL:

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A BASIC TERRORIST TEAM CONSISTS OF ABOUT TEN MEN, BUT SOMETIMES ARE LARGER. FOR SECURITY, SUCH LARGER GROUPS OFTEN POST SMALL SUB-GROUPS AS PERIMETER GUARDS AND SOMETIMES DIG TRENCHES OR PLACE FALLEN TREES AS DEFENSE AGAINST A GOVERNMENT ATTACK.

SEVERAL WELL PLANNED SUBVERSIVE CAMPS HAVE BEEN LOCATED BY POLICE AND CACHES OF ARMS AND PROPAGANDA MATERIALS HAVE BEEN FOUND. ONE CAMP IN NONG KHAI PROVINCE HAD TRIANGULAR-SHAPED FORTIFICATIONS WITH TRENCHES, FOX-HOLES, PREDETERMINED FIELDS OF FIRE, AND A FORWARD PERIMETER DEFENSE LINE. A LOCATION IN SAKON NAKHON PROVINCE HAD TWO ADJACENT CAMPS CAPABLE OF HANDLING THIRTY MEN EACH. THERE WERE FOXHOLES, CONNECTING TRENCHES, AND AT LEAST TEN DEAD-END TRAILS OR TRAILS WHICH CIRCLED BACK INTO CAMP. ALTHOUGH THE TWO CAMPS WERE ONLY THIRTY YARDS APART, THEY WERE CONNECTED BY A WINDING TRAIL 150 YARDS IN LENGTH.

THE PRESENT INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN THAILAND IS SIMILAR TO THE INSURGENCY ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM IN 1956 AND 1957, WHEN THERE WAS ONLY A SMALL FORCE OF ARMED DISSIDENTS THAT CAUSED INFREQUENT INCIDENTS. THAILAND POSSESSES TO SOME DEGREE MANY OF THE CONDITIONS THAT TEND TO ENCOURAGE INSURGENCY, INCLUDING A SUBSISTENCE ECONOMY, ETHNIC

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RIVALRY, INACCESSIBLE REDOUBTS, POORLY DISTRIBUTED LAND
AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES, AND A GENERAL INABILITY TO PROVIDE
SECURITY TO OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

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4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] REVEAL A SUSPECT INSURGENT CAMP LOCATED
IN A POSSIBLE ABANDONED VILLAGE AT UTM VD319527. FOUR
HUTS ARE VISIBLE THROUGH HEAVY VEGETATION WHICH HAS
RECLAIMED THE VILLAGE SITE; HOWEVER, WHAT APPEARS TO BE
FRESH TRACK ACTIVITY INDICATES THAT THE AREA IS STILL IN
USE. TWO FOOTBRIDGES ARE OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY AND
TRAIL ACTIVITY IS ALSO DISCERNIBLE.

THE SECOND SUSPECT INSURGENT CAMP IS LOCATED ACROSS
A STREAM 0.2 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF THE FIRST CAMP AT UTM
VD320531. THIS SUSPECT CAMP CONTAINS ONE WELL-CONCEALED
HUT (VISIBLE ONLY IN STEREO) AND AN AREA OF UNIDENTIFIED
ACTIVITY IN A NEARBY CLEARING. THE UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY
APPEARS TO BE CUT LOGS ARRANGED IN AN OPEN SQUARE AND MAY
POSSIBLY BE A LOG BARRICADE OR WEAPONS EMPLACEMENT.

THE THIRD AREA OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY CONSISTS
OF TWO TALL POLES SPACED APPROXIMATELY 115 FEET APART,
AND LOCATED AT UTM VD318531. THE LOCATION OF THE POLES

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IN THIS AREA, THEIR SPACING AND THEIR ALIGNMENT ON AN
EAST - WEST AXIS SUGGESTS A SUSPECT COMMUNICATIONS SITE;
HOWEVER, NO ANTENNAE ARE VISIBLE.

ALL UTM COORDINATES ARE TAKEN FROM AMS SERIES
L708, SHEET 5861 II.

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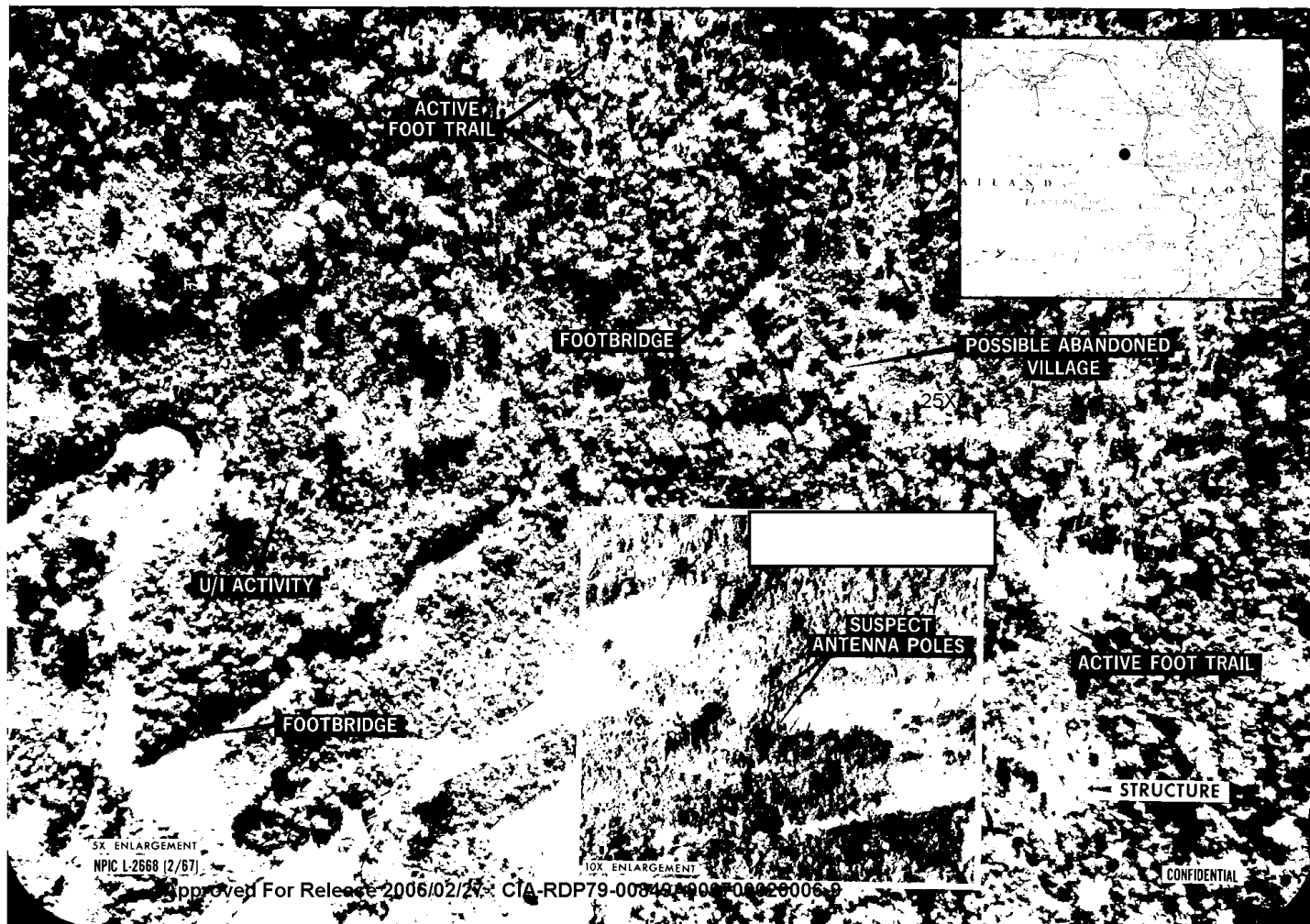


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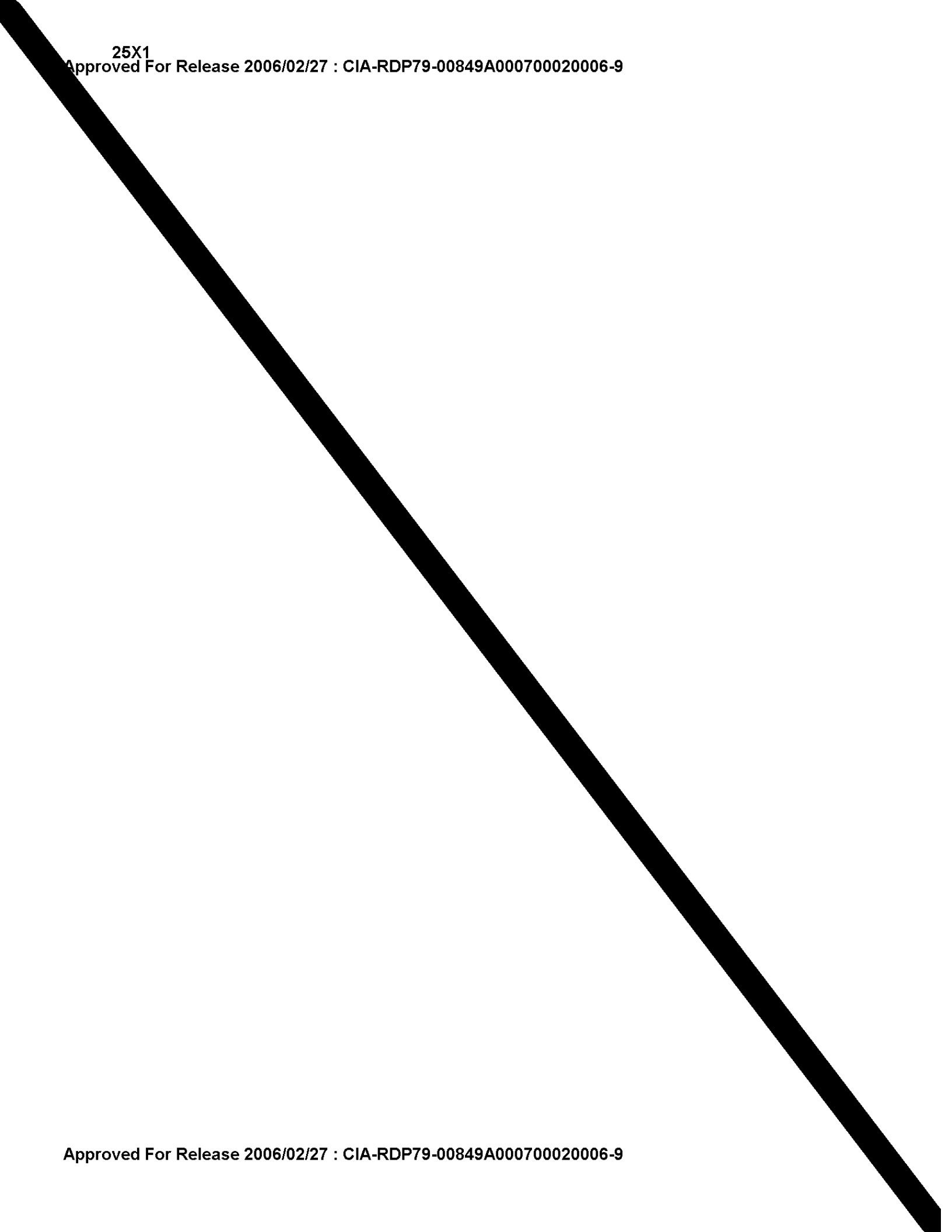
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